time. The hon. Parliament has passed Statutes and Statutes, Bills and Bills which have been challenged in various courts at various times. The courts have set aside as *ultra vires* the provisions of various legislations passed by the Parliament. It does not call for resignation. In this case we are within our Constitutional rights, we are within our propriety, we have not in any way contravened any provision of law. ...*(Interruptions)*... The High Court has held that whatever has been performed has not been correctly performed. ...*(Interruptions)*... The Supreme Court is still to pass its final judgement on this finding. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त: सदर साहिबा, मैं इसके अलावा कुछ नहीं कर सकता हूं, मुझे खलप साहब बहुत अजीज हैं, साफ-सुथरे आदमी हैं, लेकिन यह कि जो बुनियादी बात थी उस बात को आपने अपने जवाब देने में बिल्कुल अवायड किया, जवाब नहीं दिया उसका, इसलिए अब मेरे पास इसके अलावा कोई चारा नहीं कि मैं खलप साहब से जवाब के खिलाफ प्रोटेक्ट करते हुए वाक-आऊट कर जाऊं।

†شری سکندر بخت: صدر صاحبہ۔
میں اسکے علاوہ کچھ نہیں کر سکتا ہوں۔
مجھے کھلپ صاحب بہت عزیز ہیں۔ صاف
ستھرے آدمی ہیں۔ لیکن یہ کہ جو بنیادی
بات تھی اس بات کو آپنے اپنے جواب
دینے میں بالکل اوائڈ کیا۔ جواب نہیں
دیا اسکا۔ اسلئے اب میرے پاس اسکے
علاوہ کوئی چارہ نہیں کہ میں کھلپ صاحب
کے جواب کے خلاف پروٹیسٹ کرتے
ہوئے واک آؤٹ کر جاؤں۔

†[ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

(कुछ माननीय सदस्य सदन से उठकर चले गए।)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): Now, a message from the Lok Sabha to be read out by Secretary General

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA

The Appropriation (Railways) No. 4 Bill, 1996

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

> "In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Appropriation (Railways) No. 4 Bill, 1996, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 18th Decemver, 1996. 2. The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of article 110 of the Constitution of India. Madam, I lay the Bill on the Table."

THE BUDGET (UTTAR PRADESH), 1996-97

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): Now, the Finance Minister has to reply to the discussion on the U.P. Budget.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam, I have also to move the Uttar Pradesh Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1996.

The Appropriation Bill includes a sum of Rs. 22,127.97 crores voted by the Lok Sabha on the 18th December, 1996, and Rs. 6776.15 crores charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State of Uttar Pradesh. These amounts, inclusive of the amounts authorised for withdrawal under the Uttar Pradesh Appropriation (Vote-on-Account) No. 2 Act, 1996, have been sought to enable the Government of Uttar Pradesh to meet its expenditure during the current financial year. . ..*(Interruptions)*...

श्री राजनाथ सिंह (उत्तर प्रदेश): मैडम, मेरा एक पाइंट आफ आर्डर है।

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: After walking out there is no point of order. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री राजनाथ सिंह: नहीं, यह दूसरा सब्जेक्ट है। मैडम, मैंने आपसे अनुमति चाही है। ...(व्यवधान)...

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा): आप बैठ जाइए। मिनिस्टर साहब बोल रहे हैं।...(व्यवधान)...बैठिए आप लोग बैठिए।

श्री राजनाथ सिंह: मैडम, मैंने पाइंट आफ आर्डर रेज करने की अनुमति चाही है। मैडम, ...(व्यवधान)...

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा): शांत होकर बैठिए। चेयर की अनुमति बिना रिकार्ड में नहीं जाएगा। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री राजनाथ सिंह: मैडम, मैं भी वाक-आऊट करता हूं फिर से।

(माननीय सदस्य सदन से बाहर चले गए।)

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I hope that this shall be the last year for the Government of India to present the Budget for Uttar Pradesh and I also hope that the 1997-98 Budget would be presented in the State Legislature.

I hope the 1997-98 Buoget would be presented in the State Legiausture. The revenues of 1996-97 were estimated to be Rs. 15978.06 crores. There is an apparent reduction in the State tax and non-tax revenues. I say that it is apparent because the real reasons are few. Firstly, it is discontinuance of lotteries in the State. Secondly, the Central Government's decision to release grants for JRY directly to the district rural development agencies. As against this, revenue expenditure was Rs. 20,635.67 crores. There is a gap of about Rs. 4,500 crores on the revenue account. On the capital account the receipts are placed at Rs. 6,611.80 crores and the capital expenditure is Rs. 6,074.19 crores. Taking into to account the deficit in the revenue account, the surplus in the capital account, the public account and the opening surplus of Rs. 834.27 crores, the Budget for 1996-97 is expected to close with a surplus of Rs. 23.37 crores. The performance on the Plan side in the last four years has not been satisfactory. In the Annual Plan for 1996-97, it is proposed that the Plan expenditure will be Rs. 7,047.51 crores. The Central Plan expenditure will be Rs. 1,101.07 crores and the State Plan expenditure will be Rs. 5,940.64 crores. This includes an outlay of Rs. 225 crores under the Hill Areas Development Programme. Madam, I do not want to highlight a number of features of the Budget. All I wish to say is that large sums of money have been provided for rural development programmes, for creation of employment, for 5,000 new Ambedkar villages, for rural housing, for 2.40 lakh houses, for rural drinking water, for rural sanitation and assistance to destitute persons, widows, and handicapped persons. A large sum of money is being provided for Kisan pension and old-age pension schemes, for scholorships to students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, OBCs and minorities, for opening primary schools and constructing buildings. The U.P. Electricity Board will energise 20,000 tubewells this year. For additional irrigation potential to minor irrigation, Rs. 160 crores have been provided and Rs. 1,641 have been provided for the budgeted irrigation projects. So far as Uttarakhand is concerned, a sum of Rs. 658.79 crore has been provided for implementation of schemes for Uttarakahand Madam, with these words, I commend the U.P. Budget and I request the hon. House to pass the Budget.

THE APPROPRIATION (NO. 4) BILL, 1996

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): We shall now take up General Appropriation Bill.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): I beg to move:

> "That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1996-97, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."